Committee presided over by the Hon'ble Mr. Lallubhai Samaldas Mehta, the question of the early establishment of a Land Mortgage Bank will receive the early consideration of Government.

Dewan.

The matter is under consideration and my speech at the ensuing meeting of the Mysore Economic Conference may be awaited, wherein an announcement on the subject will be made.

Mr. G. Paramasiviah.

In view of the experience in regard to the late Agricultural Banks, will it not be inadvisable to start a Land Mortgage Bank afresh ?

Second Member of Council.

No opinion of Government can be given now on a matter which is still under consideration.

MR. NANJUNDAPPA, ALUR.—

Q.—29. Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) The total extent of land under the control of the Excise Department.

(*b*) The amount of *kandayam* it would fetch if given out for cultivation.

(*c*) The total expenditure now incurred on account of Excise (Toddy) Department.

(*d*) If the Government can rely upon the stability of such income.

SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT, REVENUE DEPARTMENT.—

A.—(*a*) 346,702 acres.

(*b*) Most of the lands reserved being unassessed, it is not possible to say what *kandayam* they will fetch until they are actually assessed.

(*c*) The total expenditure in the Excise Department is Rs. 4,15,000 according to the budget for 1923-24.

MR. A. ANANTHIAH, SHIMOGA TALUK.—

Q.—30. Will the Government be pleased to state the amount till now spent since 1915 for Panchama Education ?